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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Macintosh user since 1986. (I also use Windows on a regular basis at work.) I feel that my computing experience (on both platforms) has been severely impacted numerous times by Microsoft's anti-competitiveness. I think the current settlement as it stands is toothless, gutless, and most importantly, ineffective as a solution. Since so much of the taxpayers' money has been tied up in pursuing this case, I would think that anything less than major sanctions on Microsoft similar to the AT&T solution would be a waste of said money.

As a guideline to a more effective settlement, I would suggest using the following documents as a guideline:

* <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>

* <http://www.salon.com/tech/col/rose/2002/01/16/competition/index.html>

* http://linuxtoday.com/news_story.php3?ltsn=2002-01-02-002-20-OP-MS

As a Mac user, I would be remiss if I did not also suggest the following:

Microsoft should be required to continue developing current and future applications for the Macintosh platform

These applications **must** have **feature parity** and **same-time availability** with the Windows versions. Features that require proprietary solutions should use an approximate equivalent already on the Macintosh platform

Microsoft should also be required to prominently display the cross-platform interoperability of these apps on their website, any ads, and on shrink-wrapped boxes

It would be a start.

Thank you for your time,

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